Missouri Network Management Consortium Meeting Minutes July 11, 2002

Attendees: Gerry Wethington Jim Roggero

Bob Meinhardt Ron Holtman
Kim Potzmann Cliff Gronauer
Leonard Hodges Curt Christian
Jill Hansen Gary Heislen
Gail Wekenborg Mike Sweiss
Bill Mitchell Tom Stokes

Tony Wening

Tom Stokes called the meeting to order at 10:07a.m.

Copies of network diagrams and plans from each participating agency were distributed.

Mr. Wethington reported that the purpose of the consortium is to become prescriptive in the State's actions with respect to management of the State's existing network assets, to ensure the State maximizes its investment in network assets and effectively plans future network strategies based upon full knowledge and disclosure of network business demands. The goal of the consortium is not to develop a network consolidation strategy, but more importantly to ensure that Missouri manages its existing assets and further acquires and manages future assets in the most effective manner possible driven by business requirements rather than technology silos.

The OIT website will be updated to reflect these initiatives.

MOREnet and MODOT presented network diagrams and plans.

MODOT report - Due to contractual issues they cannot currently offer fiber services to other state agencies. MODOT is currently looking at internal consolidation of network resources and is looking for opportunities to use current fiber assets and is currently experimenting with Voice over IP. MODOT is unaware of any large impact resulting from Homeland Security initiatives, but is looking at hardening their network and other ways of communicating.

MOREnet report – Capacity has been increased from 500MB to 1 GB without any cost increase to customers, but stated that future increases would likely result in increases that would need to be passed on to customers. Security incidences have quadrupled in the last nine months. Looking for ways to move beyond buying megabit to buying services or fiber capacity that MOREnet can turn up as needed. MOREnet has approximately 1100 circuits in the St. Louis and Kansas City are and is looking at moving about one-third of those circuits to new service providers. MOREnet is unaware of any large impact resulting from Homeland Security.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tom Stokes Office of Information Technology